



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2453**

**A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to humanity, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
on July 13, 2000*

S. 2453 would authorize the President to present a gold medal to Pope John Paul II, spiritual leader of the Catholic Church, on behalf of the Congress. To help recover the costs of the gold medal, which would be financed from the U.S. Mint Public Enterprise Fund, S. 2453 would authorize the Mint to strike and sell bronze duplicates of the medal at a price that covers production costs for both the medal and the duplicates.

Based on the costs of recent medals produced by the Mint, CBO estimates that enacting S. 2453 would not significantly affect direct spending. CBO estimates that the gold medal would cost about \$35,000 to produce over fiscal years 2000 and 2001, including around \$5,000 for the cost of the gold and around \$30,000 for the costs to design, engrave, and manufacture the medal. CBO expects that the Mint would recoup at least some of its costs by selling bronze duplicates to the public.

Because the bill would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. S. 2453 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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